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Faculty Senate Curriculum Committee

November 5, 2009

3:10 – 5:00

Barge 304

Members Present: J. Jorgensen, T. Culjak, R. Bransdorfer, K. Temple, L. Braunstein, B. Kulik, T. Pellett, R. Spodobalski-Brower

Members Absent: B. Palmquist, K. Salyer

Guests: N. Lupton, M. Ogden

Approval of Agenda – R. Bransdorfer moved to approve the agenda, K. Temple seconded. MOTION PASSED.

Approval of Oct 15 Minutes – B. Kulik will be moved from absent to present. R. Bransdorfer moved to approve the amended minutes, T. Culjak seconded. MOTION PASSED.

UNIV 295 Discussion – Concerns were discussed concerning the level and prefix of this course. Guests: Michael Ogden and Natalie Lupton.

Who will set the number of students to make this course “a go”? - *The chair of the faculty member teaching the course.*

There is no such thing as interdisciplinary research. Students don’t have the maturity to do research. - *The students are not doing research, but learning how to do it. This course is being taught by TT faculty in the department of ITAM. Currently that faculty member is the director of Undergraduate Research out of the Graduate Studies office. This course was discussed between the ITAM dept., the Graduate Office, and the Undergraduate Office and each approved to put the proposal forward.*

Who will oversee this course and faculty member? - *The chair of the department in which the faculty member has been hired. In this case, ITAM.*

UNIV courses are meant to be used across the curriculum. For students that could be undeclared but have an interest in the course. The course could be cross-listed with department prefixes if requested. The course is overseen by the academic department in which the faculty member resides. There are several other UNIV courses offered at CWU, the subjects are usually ones that don’t directly relate to a major, such as civic engagement or service learning. Previously the Enrichment courses (-97) were also listed as UNIV. The Faculty Senate Executive Committee has charged the FSCC with looking into this area of the UNIV and establishing a policy.

The UNIV 295 course will not be removed from the curriculum summary log.

Extended Meeting Dates – Because of the amount of curriculum proposals received in January there will be two additional meeting dates: January 14 & January 28

Faculty Senate Report – Toni Culjak reviewed the senate meeting with the committee, noting that the curriculum forms had been approved.

Charge from Faculty Senate – Of the four charges given to the FSCC, items 09-10.02 and 09-10.03 have both been completed. The FSCC will begin working on the fourth charge.

Moderate Degree change proposal – The HECB has created a new form for changing a specialization into a major. The FSCC will treat this proposal as a new program and the routing shall be the same as a new program – FSCC, FS, AA, BOT, HECB, NWCCU. T. Culjak moved to approve the routing and type of proposal, R. Bransdorfer seconded. MOTION PASSED.

Addition of statement on program electives – Instead of looking for prerequisites on the list of electives for programs, an asterisk noting that “Some of these courses may have prerequisites” will be added to each new program or program change that lists electives by course. B. Kulik moved to approve, K. Temple seconded. MOTION PASSED.

Approval of the 10/15 Curriculum Summary Log – L. Braunstein moved to approve the 1/15 curriculum summary log, B. Kulik seconded. MOTION PASSED.

Review of November 5th Curriculum Summary Log

New Minor – Ethics

Moderate Program Change – Actuarial Science